

THE WEATHER PREDICTION—
Warm and fair tonight;
Light to fresh southerly winds.

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HARD FIGHTING AT CALUMBIT

MacArthur Closing in on the
Rebel Stronghold.

THE INSURGENTS USING ARTILLERY

Their Shots Poorly Aimed and Do
Little Damage.

THE ENEMY ENTRENCHED JUST OUTSIDE THE TOWN

Lawton's Brigade Fails to Reach the
Scene—Communication With
Him Cut Off.

Manila, April 26, (noon)—General Wheaton's command, the Kansas and Montana volunteers, repaired the bridge over the Bagbag River this morning. The volunteers then crossed and attacked the Filipinos in the trenches, and after a short but sharp fight forced the enemy into Calumpit. The artillery is now shelling the town, and it is only a question of time when General MacArthur's troops will capture the city. A small river and another trench still intervene between the Americans and Calumpit. General Hale's brigade holds the flank position on the right.

The American loss in this morning's fight was three killed and three wounded. The Filipino loss was small, as they were well protected by their earthworks.

Rebels Using Artillery.

Manila, April 26 (7 p. m.)—The fighting around Calumpit continued this afternoon. General MacArthur advanced his men as far as the Calumpit Church, just outside the town. The rebels are strongly entrenched on the outskirts of the town from which they are fighting the American troops. They are also in force on the opposite bank of the Rio Grande, from which position they are also firing on our troops. The rebels brought artillery into play today for the first time since the outbreak of hostilities. They fired shrapnel from several guns in the trenches, but the shot burst over the heads of the Americans, and so far have done no damage.

Telegraph Wires Cut.

General Otis finds it impossible to maintain telegraphic communication with General Lawton. Small bands of the enemy cut the wires as fast as the Signal Corps can erect them. For this reason it is impossible to give General Lawton's exact position today. General Otis believes, however, that he has reached a point very close to Calumpit, and will be heard from in that direction very soon.

The news from the scene of action in the Philippines today, although it arouses satisfaction at the War Department, is given different interpretation by different army officers. The general plan still seems to be to make haste slowly in the attack on Calumpit in order that Lawton may have time to reach the territory north of the city and to do his share in cutting off the retreat of the rebels when they shall have been routed. The success of this move is problematical, however.

The failure to maintain telegraphic communication with him is a grave disappointment, and discredits to some degree the report yesterday received by General Greely, to the effect that General Otis can reach any officer at the front, no matter how near the enemy. In fifteen minutes time, Lawton may succeed in cutting off the rebels' retreat, but, as one officer who has had Indian experience, puts it: "We tried to cut off Geronimo's retreat for two years. Those Filipinos are like a covey of quail. They are not readily surrounded. They are a terrible foe, for they do not fear death nor do they hesitate to burn their homes and drag their families with them." That Calumpit will be taken when ever desired is conceded, the only desire being to make the victory as crushing as possible.

A SPANISH REPORT.

Luna Said to Have Succeeded Aguilera in Command.

Manila, April 26.—Reports from Spanish sources state that General Antonio Luna has succeeded Aguilera.

Luna has threatened death to all natives in whose possession the American proclamation, recently issued by the Philippine Commission, may be found.

MANILA NEWS VIA MADRID.

Spaniards at Baler Still Fighting the
Filipinos.

Madrid, April 26.—A dispatch from Manila says that the besieged Spanish garrison at Baler, on the east coast of Luzon, continues to hold out against the Filipinos. The dispatch also says that General Otis has requested the Spanish to hold the island of Mindanao until the American arrive.

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CAPTAIN COGHAN'S CASE.

He Intended No Disrespect, and Will
Be Simply Reprimanded.

The following bulletin was issued by the Navy Department this afternoon:

"Captain Coghlan has replied to the department, stating that the newspapers have not reported him with substantial accuracy. Also, that he intended no disrespect or contempt to the German flag and is extremely sorry that any such interpretation was put upon his remarks. Proper reprimand will be sent and such action taken in respect thereto as is proper."

SENSATION IN BERLIN.

The Kaiser Holding Secret Conferences
With His Ministers.

Berlin, April 25.—A sensation has been caused here by the fact that Emperor William, during his four days' stay at Wartburg Castle, in the Thuringian Wald, has not once left the castle and has made no hunting trips, though this is his custom at Wartburg in the spring on account of the good bear shooting. Instead the Emperor has been working constantly with Count Wolff and Herr Moternich of the foreign office.

DID KAUTZ WRITE THIS?

Alleged Letter From the Rear Admiral
Received in Cincinnati.

Cincinnati, April 25.—Mrs. Lindley, at present a guest at the Hotel Alms, Walnut Hills, received a letter yesterday afternoon from Rear Admiral Kautz, at present in charge of the American fleet at Manila, Samoa. Mrs. Lindley, who is the wife of Col. C. N. Lindley, is a favorite cousin of the Admiral.

The letter is as follows:

United States Flagship Philadelphia, March 25, 1899.

My Dear Cousin—I have only time to tell you that I am very busy, and that I was glad to hear from you. I have been thinking a lot of late about the various newspapers, but I am sure you that I am all friends may be ashamed of, unless it is the making of a king, which I am not doing. I am a young fellow, a native, 19 years of age. He wears a French admiral's coat but no shoes, stockings or trousers. Still, considering the terrible weather, he looks very well. I am not a king here, but just a plain "boom boom" man. I hardly think of that position up to my arrival; since then I have been a very silent partner. I am very much surprised that you should have heard of me. I am all right with the English, and hope to pull through by the Government in all I have done.

I hope to get away from here in a month from this time, but I will not be in San Francisco before the middle of May. You will get the mail from me about what has happened from the newspapers. With love to the Kentucky coal and yourself, your cousin,

ALBERT KAUTZ.

RUSSIA IN PERSIA.

Secures Interests That Give Her Advan-
tages on the Gulf.

Bombay, April 26.—"The Times of India" says it learns from an "unimpeachable source" that Russia has secured an interest on the Persian Gulf sufficient to give her the right to take possession of it whenever she chooses.

It is added that this information comes direct from Teheran, and it is believed the Russian Government has been informed of the Persian Gulf, and about twelve miles northwest of the island of Ormuz. France and Great Britain recently had a misunderstanding because the former intended upon establishing a coaling station within the territory of Muscat, otherwise the Sultanate of Oman, which is under British protection. The authority of the Sultan, however, does not extend far beyond Muscat.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

Constantly Takes Stimulants to Keep
Up His Strength.

Rome, April 26.—The Pope is feeling the effects of his recent exertions, particularly in attending the services in St. Peter's, and takes a glass of cordial every two hours. Without the stimulant, his Holiness would collapse. His audiences are limited to fifteen minutes and after each one the Pope retires to rest.

The Vatican authorities think now that the likeliest successor to Leo is Cardinal Gioacchino Maria Gotti, of Genoa, a Carmelite monk. He is distinguished for learning and piety.

YELLOW FEVER IN HAVANA.

Another Case Reported to General
Brooke Today.

Havana, April 26.—One more case of yellow fever is reported to the military authorities today.

Indefinite information was received at army headquarters this morning that an American soldier had been killed by Cuban soldiers last night.

The strike among the laborers in the Quartermasters Department has been partially settled.

THE MISSING BOAT'S CREW.

Fate of Lieutenant Gilmore and His
Men Still Unknown.

Every day that passes without word from Admiral Dewey about the missing detachment from the Yorktown, under command of Lieutenant Gilmore, adds to the apprehension that serious trouble has overtaken them. Had the crew not been killed, but simply held as prisoners, it is thought communication would have been opened before this and their condition learned. Admiral Dewey is believed to have taken every practicable measure for discovering the fate of the men.

Mrs. Gilmore, the wife of Lieutenant Gilmore, one of the missing men, has been reported for information. Some definite information from Admiral Dewey removing the mystery surrounding the strange disappearance of the party is expected to be received within a few days.

Train Collision in Buffalo.

Buffalo, N. Y., April 26.—A New York Central engine last night ran into the Erie passenger and freight train known as the "Moonbeam," at the intersection of the two roads in this city. It struck one of the freight cars and put it clean in two. The locomotive was derailed, and badly damaged. About 100 passengers in the Erie coaches were shaken up but no one was seriously injured.

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in town that sells blinds at \$1.00 per pair.

THE PRESIDENT MUCH IMPROVED

Mr. McKinley Visits Mr. Hobart's
Residence.

A Very Busy Day at the White
House.

All in Readiness for the Trip to
Philadelphia—Secretary Post-
er Calls.

The neuralgia which has caused President McKinley so much annoyance during the past few days, relaxed this morning, and he is now enjoying his usual good health. About eleven o'clock Mr. McKinley took a walk through the White House grounds, and outside to the President's residence, to enquire after Mr. Hobart's condition. Mr. Hobart continues to improve. Mr. McKinley saw few of the many persons who visited the Executive Mansion today. He is busy disposing of such business as cannot be deferred until his return from Philadelphia.

The President's party will leave the Pennsylvania depot for the Philadelphia monument unveiling tomorrow morning between 9 and 10 o'clock, by special train. Those who will accompany Mr. McKinley are: Mrs. McKinley, Secretary and Mrs. Gage, Secretary Hitchcock, Capt. Algonzo Sartoris, a grandson of General Grant; Assistant Secretary Cortelyou, and President's personal physician, Dr. J. C. Henshaw. Mr. McKinley and his friends will be escorted to the same hotel by the First City Troop of Philadelphia, where the party will be served with an elaborate lunch. At 3 o'clock the President will proceed to Fairmount Park, to attend the unveiling ceremonies. Mr. McKinley will not take an active part in the programme. When he arrives at the grounds and steps from his carriage the Naval Reserve will fire a salute of twenty-one guns in his honor.

At 6 o'clock a banquet will be tendered to the President's party by the Union League. Later the party will attend the commemorative services to be held in the Academy of Music. Mr. McKinley will remain in Philadelphia overnight, and a day morning visit the United States cruiser Raleigh.

The special train will leave for Washington on Friday afternoon and will reach the city some time during the evening.

President McKinley this morning received a letter from Los Angeles, Cal., asking him to touch the button for the opening of the new harbor bridge to celebrate the dropping of the first stone for the breakwater to be constructed on San Pedro, on the 26th instant.

The President this afternoon sent a dispatch to the managers of the jubilee, announcing that he declared the first stone fallen and expressing his approval of the work being done. This will answer as touching the button.

W. L. Utley, General Manager for the Virginia and District Encampment of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, called to confer with the President in reference to changing the date of the encampment from June 6, 7, and 8 to one week later. Mr. McKinley has promised to attend the opening of the encampment. Mr. Utley asked him if he could conveniently postpone his visit to the date desired. Upon the President's decision will depend the opening of the encampment. Mr. McKinley has not yet made his decision. In consequence of a number of engagements for the future, the President is desirous of postponing the encampment for one week in order not to conflict in any way with the jubilee.

Arrangements for the reunion are progressing and every day adds some new feature to the already elaborate programme. The two immense tents which were used for the Washington two years ago, have been secured by the Daughters and will be used as headquarters for the encampment. The tents, as well as for dining halls and auditoriums for speaking.

John Addison Porter, Secretary to the President, who has been ill with nervous prostration for three weeks, drove to the White House this morning, in company with Mrs. Porter, to pay his respects to the President.

STRATHERS' LAST HOPE GONE.

President McKinley Declines to Ex-
amine His Case.

Belva Lockwood, in company with two colored preachers, called at the White House this morning to intercede with the President in behalf of William Strathers, who is soon to be hanged for the murder of his mistress.

She made an impassioned plea and said that she regretted the fact that she had declined to defend Strathers in court and pleaded for the commutation of his sentence. The President, however, refused to grant almost entirely on the ground that capital punishment is a relic of the barbarous ages and should have no place in modern civilization. He said that the fact that several of Strathers' relatives have been declared insane.

The petition for Strathers' pardon had been already reported upon by Attorney General Griggs, Justice Bradley and District Attorney Davis, and President McKinley had already intimated that he did not intend to interfere with the course of justice. He said, however, that he would take the case under consideration.

Late this afternoon the President declined to interfere in the Strathers case.

Chester May Get a Shipyard.

Chester, Pa., April 26.—There has been a rumor on the streets of Chester for several days that one of the officials of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was interested in the construction of a new shipyard in addition to the Morse combination and that the plan was to be come to Chester.

Warning the Carlists.

Correa, Spain, April 26.—"El Espanol," a Carlist organ here, warns the Carlists not to continue their agitation and to refuse to join in the distribution of seditious leaflets and posters. It says Don Carlos has not yet given the signal for an uprising and until then his followers should rest quietly.

Dewey Day in Dewey's State.

Northfield, Vt., April 26.—Dewey Day, a day to be observed here by breaking ground for Dewey Hall, which is to be built at Norwich University as a testimonial to Admiral George Dewey. It is expected that Capt. Charles A. Clark, who commanded the battleship Oregon on her famous trip from San Francisco last year, will take part.

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in town that sells blinds at \$1.00 per pair.

MR. REED SAILS FOR EUROPE.

Leaves American Shores With Dis-
tinguished Fellow-Passengers.

New York, April 26.—A distinguished party of American passengers sailed today in the American liner New York, including Richard Croker, former Speaker Thomas B. Reed, Sir John Pausanias, British Ambassador to the United States; Mrs. Emma Eames-Stuy, Sir Tatton Sykes, Lady Mary Seckley, Duke Gastano Caracciolo, of the Italian Embassy at Washington, and the Countess de Bremond.

Mr. Reed is attached to the departure of Mr. Croker and Mr. Reed. The Tammany leader is the subject of special attention by reason of his recent arraignment before the Marine investigating commission, and the fact that he is still under subpoena. He was accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Warren, and will spend most of his time aboard in the hotel looking after his horses. He will remain the last week in August, in response to the Mast subpoena.

Mr. Reed is taking a vacation preparatory to entering upon his new career as a metropolitan lawyer.

Just before sailing for Europe this morning ex-Speaker Reed held a long conference at the Manhattan Hotel with Congressman Sherman, the New York candidate for the Speakership of the next House of Representatives. The subject of discussion could not be less than it is believed to have a bearing on Mr. Sherman's Speakership aspirations.

NO SENATOR FROM DELAWARE.

Governor Tammell Will Not Fill the
Present Vacancy.

Dover, Del., April 26.—In reference to the appointment of a Senator to fill the vacancy caused by the failure of the legislature to elect a successor to Senator Gray, Governor Tammell says:

"I have given the matter no consideration, whatever, and there is no probability of my appointing a Senator. I hardly think it would be worth while to take such action, and I do not think I should appoint him to serve only until the next session of Congress, and would then have to run his chances of being elected or turned down. So far as Governor Stone of Pennsylvania, electing a President in this respect is concerned, I do not think it will hold, as decisions have been in vogue for many years and it is hardly probable that the next will reverse its opinion in this particular case."

URGED TO RUN FOR CONGRESS.

Mr. Tapp of Wichita, May Be a Popu-
list Candidate.

Wichita, Kan., April 26.—J. W. Tapp, the anti-bloomer fusion Salvation Army candidate for mayor of this city, who was defeated at the recent election, has received hundreds of letters from the counties of Pennsylvania, urging him to run for Congress in 1900.

A PLUM TREE FOR QUAY.

Consul of the Senator Commemorate
His Triumph.

Phoenixville, Pa., April 26.—Harry Penney, of the famous Moore Hall farm, and a cousin of Senator Quay, planted a plum tree in honor of his distinguished relative's triumph over his political enemies last week. Many of his neighbors were present at the ceremony.

TOT UNHURT BY A LONG FALL.

Dropped From a High Window and
Landed on a Mattress.

New York, April 26.—Edna Irwin, five years old, who lives on the fourth floor of 27 East One Hundred and Twenty-eighth Street, yesterday fell from one of the windows into an airshaft. In descending she turned several somersaults, and landed on her back on a mattress, which broke the force of the fall. The child was unhurt. The child's mother saw her fall and became hysterical. When several of the neighbors went to the bottom of the shaft they were surprised to find the youngster alive and unharmed. Beyond a few scratches she had not been injured.

YOUNG VANDERBILT CHECKED.

Not Given a Vacant Superintendency
by His Father.

New York, April 26.—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., is not to succeed William Buchanan, who for fifty years had been superintending of motive power and rolling stock of the New York Central Railroad, as the place was given yesterday to A. M. Waitt, General Agent formerly general master car-builder of the Lake Shore Road.

There has been much speculation as to whether Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., would approve of his son's promotion. The two have been on friendly terms since the young man's marriage. The appointment of Mr. Waitt makes it plain that Mr. Vanderbilt did not wish his son to be made superintending of motive power, a mechanical in the yards.

BROZE AND BRASS COMBINE.

Capitalized at \$3,200,000 to Control
the Country's Trade.

Pittsburg, Pa., April 26.—The Standard Metal Company, having for its object the control of the output of the United States in manufacture of car journal bearings and bronze and brass specialties generally, has just been formed by Darr, Moore & Bryden, brokers, with a capital of \$3,200,000. The Standard Metal Company, which will be at the head of the new combine.

The concerns that have been taken in the combination are the Damascus Bronze Company, of Pittsburg; Paul S. Reeves & Son, Philadelphia; Blunt Manufacturing Company, of Newark, N. J.; Brady Metal Company, of Jersey City, N. J.; Buffalo Brass Company, of Buffalo, N. Y.; Fulton Iron and Engine Works, of Detroit, Mich.; United States Bronze Company, of Cleveland; Hewitt Manufacturing Company, of Chicago; Milwaukee Brass and Copper Company, of Milwaukee; Moore & Co., of St. Louis.

Relief for a Stranded Schooner.

Atlantic City, N. J., April 26.—The two masted schooner Julia A. Berkele, in ballast, from Baltimore, was stranded on the beach at Atlantic City, on the morning of April 25. The vessel was hoisted at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon with but slight damage, and proceeded on its way.

A New Swindling Game.

Shippensburg, Pa., April 26.—Another swindler has made his appearance in Franklin county. He has been calling on a number of young women and telling them that he wanted to arrange for them to make flowers for a Shippensburg milliner, at the same time selling them a block for shaping the flowers for \$1.50, which he collected in advance. An instructor was to call the following day and deliver the block, but he failed to do so.

Watch for a town. Queen Heights, D. C.

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COMPLETION OF THE GAS COMPANY DEAL

Circular to the Stockholders
Received Today.

The Purchaser Desires All Shares
Offered at \$6.

Amount Involved Nearly \$5,000,000.
Stevens Syndicate Suggested
to Be the Buyer.

The long-expected circular to the stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company, signed by the directors and principle owners of the stock, and advising the sale of the stock to a purchaser, name not given, for \$60 a share, was issued this morning. The provisions are similar to those forecasted in The Times-Herald.

The circular differs from that recently issued to stockholders of the Metropolitan and the Columbia roads, in that no purchaser is named. The gossip of the street, however, is to the effect that the Stevens syndicate is behind the offer.

Following is the wording of the circular in full:

Philadelphia, April 24, 1899.

To the Stockholders of the Washington Gaslight Company, of Washington, D. C.:

The undersigned committee, acting on behalf of the stockholders of the Washington Gas Light Company, as may vote with them, have entered into an agreement in relation to the sale of the stock of the Washington Gas Light Company on the terms following. The agreement is dated April 3, 1899, and has been deposited with the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadelphia:

First, the price of the stock is \$60 per share, which is to be paid in three equal installments, one-third on the 15th of June, one-third on the 15th of July, and one-third on the 15th of August, with interest thereon at the rate of five per cent per annum from April 1, 1899.

Second, the purchaser has deposited the sum of \$2,500,000 with the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadelphia, out of which all the expenses of the committee are to be paid, and no depositing stockholders will be required to pay such expenses. In case the committee shall have secured the deposit of at least \$2,500,000 of the stock of the Washington Gas Light Company, as may vote with them, the depositing stockholders pro rata, as liquidated damages, less the amount required by the committee, shall be paid to the stockholders, and the balance of the deposit shall be paid to the stockholders.

Third, on or before May 15, 1899, the stockholders holding \$2,500,000 of the stock shall have deposited the same under the agreement and in the event of any stockholder failing to do so, he is required to take all shares additional to said \$2,500,000 deposited before June 1, 1899.

Fourth, the committee has agreed upon the stock of the depositing stockholders after April 26, 1899, shall be paid to the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadelphia, and will accrue to the purchaser, provided he completes his purchase, the 5 per cent from the date of the deposit of the stock. If the purchaser fails to complete his purchase, the 5 per cent shall be paid to the depositing stockholders, according to their several proportions of stock as deposited, and the balance of the stock shall be returned to the stockholders.

Fifth, the purchaser, however, has the right to cancel the same at any time before or after the 1st day of June, provided, however, that such cancellation shall be made by majority of the whole of the shares of the company, it being distinctly understood that the committee are not bound to sell their stock, or that of any other stockholder, unless a majority of the whole of the stock shall be thus deposited.

Sixth, the agreement also provides that in case the purchaser shall exercise the right of purchase, and shall fail to make the payments of the stock, he shall be liable to the committee for the balance of the stock, and the committee shall have the right to sell the stock, and apply the proceeds to the \$60 per share to the stockholders, according to the agreement.

The committee believes that \$60 per share is a fair price for the stock. They are willing to sell their own stock at that price, and have no hesitancy in recommending the sale of the stock to the stockholders. They have thoroughly protected the rights of the stockholders by the agreement, and without unduly urging that they should unite to give effect to the agreement, they give it to their opinion that the price is a very fair and full one. No member of the committee is to receive any compensation of any kind in connection with this matter, and no member of the committee will sell his stock under a majority of the whole of the shares of the company. A copy of the agreement is deposited with John H. McLean, at the office of the Washington Gas Light Company, with Charles B. Bullitt, Bullitt building, Philadelphia, and the agreement itself with the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadelphia, and the agreement shall be open to the inspection of all stockholders, and full explanation made in regard to its provisions.

Any stockholder residing in Washington or its vicinity can hand his stock to John H. McLean, at the office of the company, to be transmitted without expense to the stockholders, and procure the same to be deposited with the stockholders, and full explanation made in regard to its provisions.

Receipts will be issued by the bank to the stockholders for their stock when and as deposited in a form which will make the receipt transferable and negotiable. It is desirable that the stock should be deposited by such stockholders as wish to dispose of it with as little delay as possible, and we would therefore ask, if you approve of the sale, that you will transmit or deliver your stock as soon as convenient.

You will find herewith form of assignment of your stock, which you will fill out and return with your stock to the Fourth Street National Bank, of Philadelphia.

JOHN H. McLEAN,
JOHN C. BULLITT,
JOHN F. ROSENBERG,
JOHN F. ROSENBERG,
Committee.

The total capital stock of the gas company is 120,000 shares, which at \$40 a share would cost the syndicate \$7,500,000. It is understood that a majority of the stock has already been pledged to the sale and that the deal is therefore certain, beyond any reasonable doubt.

John H. McLean, Mr. Bullitt, and Mr. Orme are all very heavy holders of stock and have always been able to control the affairs of the company absolutely up to the present time.

This sale of the Washington Gas Company, one of the oldest and best-known corporations in Washington, and one of the richest, to the Stevens syndicate, if the syndicate is in reality the purchaser, adds another tremendous franchise to those already controlled by it and as a matter of fact disposes of nearly all the natural gas business of the District to this group of capitalists. The Capital Traction Company now alone remains of the street railroads to be purchased, and all of the lighting companies have been acquired.

Little is known as to the reasons of the prominent stockholders of the gas company for selling. On several occasions in the past attempts have been made to buy out the company, but they have all failed. It is said in the street today that Mr. McLean intends to visit Europe in a short time for a long period, and that he did not care to be worried with the affairs of his company during his absence, especially as such a high price was obtained for the stock—three times its par value. It is also suggested that Mr. McLean may possibly be interested in the purchase himself, or in the syndicate, as one of its capitalists, but nothing in confirmation of this rumor is to be learned.

The Edgington sale of valuable and unique furniture takes place at Room 1, 107 G Street, tomorrow, and Friday, at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. each day. Catalogues ready.

Libbey & Co. sell the best \$1.50 flooring in the city. Kiln-dried, bright, one width.

PLEADING FOR MRS. GEORGE.

Counsel Welty Resumes His Argu-
ment for the Defense.

Canton, Ohio, April 26.—John C. Welty resumed his plea to the jury in behalf of Mrs. George this morning. He earnestly argued the case with the jury. If the evidence warranted a first degree verdict, he said, the defendant asked no mercy.

He explained that the jury, under the law, could acquit or find her guilty of manslaughter from first degree murder to assault and battery. But the man who voted for first degree, he said, would be guilty of legal murder. Mr. Welty made light of the revolver testimony.

"Grant has said this revolver is the real article in the case," Welty cried, dramatically holding the weapon aloft. "So say I. If you find that Mrs. George owned this weapon and her guilty," He showed that the revolver had a number, but the State had not traced its ownership.

"The State had it long enough," Mr. Welty argued that Mrs. George's actions before the murder were not those of one bent on murder. She would not have sought him with a policeman nor gone to the judge to have the injunction against her lifted if she had contemplated murder.

ORDER FOR COTTON PRESSES.

Reading, Pa., April 26.—The Reading Iron Company received orders yesterday for seven cotton presses, to cost \$25,000 each.

The presses were ordered by companies in Arkansas, Mississippi, Georgia, North and South Carolina. The presses are packed 1,630 bales of cotton in ten hours and holds the record for fast work.

HOLDING UP A MAYOR.

Reading, Pa., Councilmen Refuse to
Confirm Appointments.

Reading, Pa., April 26.—Select council was in session until a few minutes of 12 o'clock Monday night, considering Mayor Leader's police appointments. The mayor sent in early in the evening the same list that he submitted on April 3, when he was inaugurated, with some half a dozen changes.

HIS MOTHER A MURDERER.

A Son's Awful Confession Regarding
Two Deaths.

Pana, Ill., April 26.—Young Henry Brunot, who is confined in the county jail for the murder of his aunt, Jane Brunot, and putting her body in a well, made his second confession yesterday, implicating his mother, Anna Brunot. Mrs. Brunot was arrested together with her son and her fiancé husband, Frederick Sibley, last Friday, but was released. Young Brunot said his mother knew his fiancé's law's body was in the well and showed him and Sibley where to dig earth to fill the well.

Anna also admitted having bought arsenic for her mother a few days before his father died some three years ago. Two days after giving her the drug his father collapsed at the dinner table and his death followed in a few moments. His mother, he said, received \$2,000 insurance.

LONG TRAMP FROM THE WEST.

Husband, Wife, and Two Sons Walk
East From Kentucky.

Philadelphia, April 26.—After walking a distance of 500